Allocations to Assam under IRDP and JRY

*208 SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds to Assam Government under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during last three years;

(b) whether Government have instituted any independent agency to evaluate the funds of IRDP and JRY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) Central allocation of funds to Assam Government under Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during last three years is indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Years		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP)	1371.75	1417.12	5246.36
Jawahar Rozgar Yojana	4574.54	5111.22	15077.00

Government, through independent agencies/research institutions, have conducted two rounds of concurrent evaluation of JRY and five rounds of concurrent evaluation of IRDP in Assam.

Review of Tada Cases by NHRC

*209. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many of the TADA detainees are in jails without trial for the past six years, State-wise;

(b) how long a detainee can be jailed without trial and whether the term spent in jail is counted in case of his conviction and sentence;

(c) whether all the cases of detainees in jail for the past six years have been reviewed by the high level review committee;

(d) if not, whether it amounts to violation of human rights; and

(e) whether Government would consider to get the TADA cases beyond three years reviewed by the National Human Rights Commission; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (e) Separate figures regarding TADA cases pending investigation and trial are not maintained in the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, during an administrative review of the pending TADA cases in various States it was found that most of the pending TADA cases are under trial and very few cases except in certain States were pending investigation. The States where comparatively larger number of cases were pending investigation were advised to expedite the investigation during a time frame and either file chargesheet in these cases or drop charges under TADA. It is basically the discretion of the Court to continue the accused on judicial remand or enlarge on bail pending investigation. Section 428 of the Code of Criminal Procedure provides that the period of detention undergone by the accused as an under-trial shall be set of against the sentence of imprisonment.

The Central Review Committee chaired by the Union Home Secretary has reviewed all the pending TADA cases of the Central Bureau of Investigationn. Similarly, the State Review Committees headed by Chief Secretaries except in case of Maharashtra where it is headed by a retired Judge of the High Court have also reviewed all the pending TADA cases pertaining to their States. Therefore, there is no question of violation of Human Rights of the detenues.

The pending TADA cases are being reviewed by the Central Review Committee in respect of cases of Central Bureau of Investigations and by the concerned State Review Committees in respect of cases of the State Police Organisations as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Kartar Singh's case. As a result of these reviews TADA charges have been dropped against 23862 persons. The cases that are now pending relate

to heinous terrorist crimes. Therefore, there is no need to refer the pending TADA cases for review by the National Human Rights Commission.

Promotion of Handicarafts, handlooms and Powerlooms

*210. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of proposals received from Assam Government for promotion of handicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in the North-Eastern Region during last three years;

(b) the number of proposals, out of them, pending or under consideration of Government;

(c) whether Government have prepared any special scheme for promotion and development of hadicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the amount proposed to be spent on promotion of the same in the Region, during the Ninth Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) During the period 1995-96 till 1997-98, as per available records, 37 proposals were received in handicrafts sector from Assam Government Marketing Corporation and Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation Ltd. and 34 were sanctioned. 292 proposals were received from Govt. of Assam in Handloom sector and 260 were sanctioned. One proposal has been received from the Assam State Powerloom Cooperative Federation Ltd. Guwahati in Powerloom sector, but was not sanctioned. The reasons for some proposals not being sanctioned are—for want of utilisation certificate, physcial and financial progress reports, inquiries into the claims, delays in release of State Govt. Share, proposal not being in accordance with approved scheme, etc.

(c) and (d) Some schemes operated by the Government for handicrafts and handlooms sectors have provisions for higher financial assistance for North Eastern Region. During the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Government have earmarked 10% of the Budget for North Eastern Region.

नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क की शोचनीय हालत

*211. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नालन्दा जिले (बिहार) में नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क जो अनेक गांवों को शहरों से जोड़ती है, की हालत बहुत ही शोचनीय है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस सड़क के बनने के बाद से इसकी हालत में सुधार लाने के लिए आज तक कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या ग्रामीणों की सुविधा एवं पिछड़े गांवों को सुचारू ढंग से शहरों से जोड़ने की दृष्टि से इस सड़क को मोटर-यातायात के योग्य बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागोड़ा पाटील): (क) से (घ) सड़कें राज्य का विषय है। सड़कों के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए राज्य सरकारें जिम्मेदार हैं। सड़कों के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए योजना आयोग द्वारा राज्य योजना के अंतर्गत निधियां आबंटित की जाती हैं। बिहार के नालन्दा जिले में नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क की मरम्मत करना और पिछड़े गांवों को समुचित रूप से शहरों से जोड़ना राज्य सरकार के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है। बिहार सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि इस सड़क के बेगमपुर-नारी भाग को मरम्मत करने की लिए 16,00,000 रुपए की राशि स्वीकृत की गई है। जून, 1999 तक मरम्मत कार्य पूरा हो जाने की आशा है। राज्य सरकार बड़गांव से बेगमपुर तक सड़क बनाने की योजना भी बना रही है।

Insurgent Groups in North-East

*212. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major insurgent groups operating in the North-East, alongwith details of their strength in terms of members, arms and ammunition;

(b) the number of deaths and kidnappings in insurgnet activities in the North-East, State-wise, during the last five years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the challenge posed by insurgent groups in the North-Eastern Region?